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From the Duke of Savoy's Camp near Bubiane, July 27. N. S.

THE 8th Inſtant we encamped at Bubiane, within two Miles of Lucerne.

The 9th we removed our Camp and took Poſt between thoſe two Places. A Party of our Huſſars brought in two Officers, whom they had taken Priſoners between Turin and Suſa; one of them was Captain of Prince Vaudemont's Swiſs-Guard; the other was Captain of the Guard to the Duke de la Feuillade; and they were going to Compliment the Duke of Orleans at Suſa, in the Name of their reſpective Maſters. The Enemy continued encamped near Saluces, giving out, that they expected the Duke de la Feuillade with a Reinforcement from the Camp before Turin. We received Advice, That the Duke of Orleans was come to that Camp.

The 11th we had an Account, That he was gone from thence towards Lombardy; and that the Duke de la Feuillade had joined his Detachment at Saluces.

The 12th, upon Advice that the Enemy were advanced to Barges, and in a full March towards us, we retired from Bubiane to Lucerne: The Horſe and Dragoons diſmounted, and their Horſes were ſent up into the Mountains. A Diſpoſition was made for the Defence of the Poſts we had taken near Lucern at Rora, St. John's, and Angrogne; and the Troops being joined by the Vaudois in Arms, were placed in their reſpective Poſts appointed them.

The 13th we had Notice, that the Enemy were at Cahours, and intended to march to Brigueras, between our Camp and Pignerol.

The 14th the Duke de la Feuillade took Poſt at Brigueras with 5 Battalions; and we had Intelligence, that 3 other Battalions were poſted at Bagnoles.

The 15th a Deſerter came over to us from Brigueras, by whom, as well as from other Hands, we had an Account, That the Duke de la Feuillade intended to attack us the next Day: That he had with him at Brigueras, beſides the 5 Battalions abovementioned, 10 Field-pieces, all his Dragoons; and part of his Horſe diſmounted, the reſt continuing in their Camp at Cahours to Guard the Horſes and Artillery they had left there; and that two French Battalions were marched to the Valley of St. Martins, to come upon us that way.

The 16th there happened a Rencounter between the Enemy's Militia and a Party of our Troops; wherein the Commander in Chief of their Militia, and many of his Men, were taken Priſoners.

The 17th we had an Account, That the French, deſpairing of forcing us in our Poſts, had altered their Deſign, and were going to decamp from Brigueras; upon which Orders were given to fetch our Horſes from the Mountains.

The 18th the Enemy marched from Brigueras, and encamped at Olaſque.

The 20th they marched from thence and encamped in Two Lines, with their Right at Pignerol; and we received Advice, That part of the Troops they had left near Saluces were marching along the Po towards Turin.

The 22d the Enemy's Troops marched from the Neighbourhood of Pignerol towards Turin.

The 24th we received Advice, That they were arrived at Moncalier.

The 25th we marched from Lucerne, and returned to our former Camp at Bubiane, where we ſtill continue. His Royal Highneſs received Letters from Prince Eugene, with an Account of his having paſſed the Adige, and that part of his Forces had paſſed the Po, and taken Poſt on the other ſide of that River.

We hear ſince, that the Enemy have quitted Mondovi, and the Siege of the Caſtle of Ceva; and we have good reaſon to hope, that the Progreſſes of the Imperial Army under Prince Eugene, will oblige the Enemy to draw off ſo many Troops from before Turin, to reinforce their Army in Lombardy under the Duke of Orleans, that it will not be practicable for them to carry on that Siege.

Venice, Auguſt 6. Prince Eugene, by our laſt Advices, lay with a Body of the Imperial Troops under his Command at Santa Helaria, the main Body of his Forces being at St. Martino de la Secchia, and another Detachment at Finale de Modena. The French have abandoned Revere, Oſtiglia, San Benedetto, and ſeveral other Poſts which they had fortified; and having drawn all their Troops together, lie encamp'd between Guaſtalla and Luzzara, which laſt Place is their Head Quarter. They write from Genoa, that the French had been obliged to retire from before Ceva, and quit St. Michel, Mondovi, Foſſano, Savigliano, and ſeveral other Poſts, to reinforce their Army before Turin; the Siege of which Place goes on but ſlowly, the Beſiegers ſuffering much from the frequent vigorous Sallies of the Gariſon.

Vienna, Auguſt 7. Count Rechteren, Envoy Extraordinary from the States-General, had Audience of Leave laſt Night of the Emperor; who made him a Preſent of his Picture ſet with Diamonds. This morning we received Letters from Leride of the 9th paſt; the King of Spain was then on his Departure from thence for Madrid, by the way of Saragoſſa.

From the Duke of Marlborough's Camp at Helchin, Auguſt 19. On Tueſday the 17th my Lord Duke of Marlborough went to the Camp before Menin, to concert with the Deputies of the States and the General Officers the neceſſary Meaſures for carrying on the Siege of that Place.

Yeſterday Morning his Grace ordered the Army to make another Movement, whereby the Right extends to Lauwe within half a League of Menin, the Left continuing ſtill at Pont d'Eſpieres.

The Troops before Menin having advanced the Saps on the Right and Left, as far as the Sailant Angles of the Counterſcarp, the Diſpoſition was made for attacking it in the Evening: Lieutenant General Scholten and the Earl of Orkney commanded at their reſpective Attacks, and had each under them a Major-General and a Brigadier, with 300 Grenadiers, as many Workmen, and a Detachment of the like Number of Fuſiliers to cover them; the whole being ſuſtained by the 9 Battalions that relieved the Trenches, 4 on the Right and 5 on the Left. The Attack began about 7 a Clock, upon a Signal of a Mine we ſprung up at each of the Angles. Our Men behaved themſelves with ſo great Bravery, that they ſoon beat the Enemy out of the Covered-way with great Slaughter, and made a Lodgment cloſe to the Paliſades. The Enemy ſprung two Mines during the Attack, which did us but little harm; but we were expoſed to the Fire of the Ravelins and other Works for near two Hours before our People could cover themſelves, which occaſion'd the greateſt part of our Loſs, whereof we have not yet the Particulars: However we are aſſured it was as little as could be expected in ſo warm a Service; and the Deputies of the States and the Generals have expreſſed themſelves extreamly well ſatisfied with the Gallantry of the Troops on this Occaſion.

Our Men are now working on the new Batteries on the Counterſcarp, which we hope will be finiſh'd to morrow Night.

The Duke of Vendoſme has ſent Brigadier Cadogan back to the Army upon his Parole.

Hague, Auguſt 20. N. S. The States of Holland and Weſtfriſeland intend to adjourn to morrow: They have reſolved upon the raiſing 4 Millions by the Sale of Annuities. Monſieur Itterſum went from hence two Days ago towards Munſter, in order to be preſent on the part of this State at the Election of a Biſhop of that Place, which is appointed to be the 30th Inſtant. Several Letters from Paris which came in this Day give an Account, That the King of Spain and the Earl of Peterborow joined the Earl of Galway the 5th Inſtant with 6000 Men near Guadalaxara, which we hope will be confirmed. The Advices from Italy, by the way of France, ſay, That the Enemy being retired from the Neighbourhood of Guaſtalla, Prince Eugene had paſſed the River Croſtolo, and was advanced towards the Parmeſan.

Windſor, Auguſt 11. His Excellency the Baron of Spanheim, Miniſter of State to the King of Pruſſia, and his Majeſty's Ambaſſador Extraordinary, in which Quality he has reſided ſeveral Years in this Court, had this Day Publick Audience of Leave of Her Majeſty. The Earl of Bridgewater, with Charles Cottrell Eſq; Aſſiſtant-Maſter of the Ceremonies, went this Morning to his Excellency's Houſe at London with one of Her Majeſty's Coaches, followed by one of his Royal Highneſs's, in which were Six Gentlemen of Her Majeſty's Privy-Chamber, and conducted the Ambaſſador in Her Majeſty's ſaid Coach to Slow, within Two Miles of this Place, whither his Excellency had ſent his Servants and Equipage the Day before. Here the Ambaſſador, with the Earl of Bridgewater and Mr. Cottrell, went into Her Majeſty's State-Coach, which had been ſent thither for that purpoſe, and proceeded to the Caſtle in the following manner: Two of the Marſhal's Men led the March; then came his Excellency's Gentlemen of the Horſe, followed by Four Pages on Horſeback, and Eight Footmen all in new rich Liveries: Next came the Ambaſſador, with the Earl of Bridgewater and the Aſſiſtant-Maſter of the Ceremonies, in Her Majeſty's State-Coach; the Six Gentlemen of the Privy-Chamber in his Royal Highneſs's Coach; Three of the Ambaſſador's own Coaches with Six Horſes each, the Two laſt being filled with the Gentlemen of his Retinue. The Coaches of the Nobility and Perſons of Quality who are now in this Town, which had been ſent to Slow to attend at this Audience, cloſed the Proceeding. In the great Court of the Caſtle, and near to the Entrance into the Palace, a Company of Her Majeſty's Foot-Guards was ranged, who reſted their Arms as the Ambaſſador paſſed by. His Excellency was received at his alighting out of the Coach by the Marſhal of the Ceremonies and the Knight-Marſhal, who conducted him to the great Guard-Chamber, where he was received by the Commanding Officer of Her Majeſty's Yeomen of the Guard, (who made a Lane,) in the Abſence of the Marquis of Hartington; as he was likewiſe